

## **REMARKS/AMENDMENTS**

### ***I. Status of Claims***

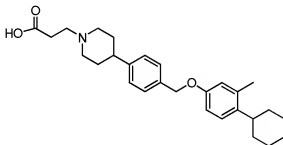
Claims 1 to 14 are pending in this application. Claims 1-14 are subject to a restriction and election requirement. Claim 13 has been cancelled. No new matter has been added.

### ***II. Response to the Restriction Requirement***

The claims are restricted into two groups. Applicants elect group II for prosecution on the merits. The election of Group II is made with traverse. Claims 1-14 emerge from a common inventive concept and Applicants respectfully submit that searching the compounds of claims 1-14 would not be an undue burden on the Examiner.

#### ***Election of Species***

Applicants elect the species described as Example 1 on page 24, namely, 3-{4-[4-(4-cyclohexyl-3-methyl-phenoxy)methyl]-phenyl}-piperidin-1-yl}-propionic acid, having structure:



### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-812-1796.

Respectfully submitted,

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